GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:411
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Availability of Slots for Airlines
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the functional airports presently in the country;

(b) whether Air India is facing slot issues in some countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government so as to ensure that the Indian players get their due share;

(d) whether the national civil aviation policy, including the regional connectivity push, is expected to increase the number of functional airports in the country to 150-200 in the next few years and if so, the action plan prepared by the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) the investment expected by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the upgradation and modernization of its airports/aerodromes including the present and expected growth rate of civil aviation sector for the next three years?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.;

Statement in respect of parts

(a) to (e) of Lok Sabha (*) Starred Question No.411 for 15.12.2016 regarding Availability of Slots for Airlines.; ;

(a): List of operational airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) is at Annexure-I.

(b) Yes, Madam. Air India is facing slots issues in the following countries:- UAE (Dubai): AI did not get uniform daily slots for its flights to / from Dubai during NOTAM at Calicut from 01st Sep, 2015 to 25th March, 2017. Hong Kong - Air India is unable to start new flight on Mumbai- Hong Kong & vv route due to non availability of slots at Hong Kong. CHINA (Shanghai): Air India is unable to increase frequency of its flight on Mumbai-Delhi-Shanghai & vv route from 05 flights / week to Daily due to non availability of slots at Shanghai. SRI LANKA (Colombo): Air India flights on Chennai-Colombo ?Delhi & Delhi-Colombo-Chennai route are running on provisional slots which are confirmed on schedule to schedule basis without historicity.; ;

(c): The issue of availability of usable slots for Indian carriers at different international airports have been taken up by the Government with respective Civil Aviation Authorities at regular intervals. Government has written letter in this regard and the issue was also raised in various bilateral meetings concluded recently.

(d) : The National Civil Aviation Policy aims at reviving 50 unserved/underserved airports in the Country.

(e) : The overall passenger growth rate in 2015-16 is 17.6%. As per the forecast of AAI, the growth rate for the next five years i.e. upto 2020-21 is targeted at 12.1% CAGR. In order to meet the infrastructure requirement, AAI aims at an investment of Rs.17,500 crores.